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Daniel Reports

By W. C. (Dan) Daniel
Virginia Fifth District Congressman

WASHINGTON - A bill has been introduced in the House to change the method of operation of the House to a "three-in-one-out" month. Under this plan, Congress would meet five days a week for three weeks each month, with the fourth week set aside for a return to work in the District, if the Member so chooses. There is one fault in the bill. The return to the District should be mandatory, not elective. For if there is one thing the Congress needs, it is closer contact with the world outside Washington.

No matter which way you go, when you head away from the 'District of Confusion' every turn of the wheel takes you closer to reality - a reality which has completely disappeared from the seat of government.

My personal experience earlier this month bears that out.

During the break in schedule for July Fourth, I had the opportunity to conduct a workshop in the District, and to meet on other occasions with the people who sent me here. People of varied economic conditions, whose jobs covered a wide range of endeavor - people who are struggling to support their government in a style they cannot themselves afford - came in great numbers to talk about the problems being created for them.

One lady, a wife and mother who is employed by one of the District's school systems, started off this way: "I may be a member of the 'Silent Majority', but I've been silent long enough." Her concerns were many and varied. She was disturbed by government programs which encourage dishonesty, which are self-policing, and which are put forward as some sort of "right", without a reminder of responsibilities incurred. She was concerned about the lack of statesmanship and integrity of the nation's leaders, by the arrogance of spokesman who are quite willing to point out the people's shortcomings, but never acknowledge their own. Finally, she said, "If I can send a message up to Washington it is this: If statesmanship and integrity exist in Washington, let us know it; clear your own houses, first."

Another employee of a local government was distressed about the hypocrisy of a Congress which passes bills with high-sounding titles and worthy goals, then turns and guidelines to the point they are unmanageable. "They are so callous, these bureaucrats, they care only about programs, not about people," he said.

Then he made a recommendation which has much merit: "Why doesn't Congress, when it passes a law, write in a requirement that those who pass it, and those who administer it, have to live with it at the local level one month out of the year?" When a recent conversation with an executive in the Department of Labor revealed he did not know the difference between a man-hour and a man-day, and when regulations to implement one section of the Higher Education Act cannot be completed after ten tries over three years' time, it is time for a visit to the grassroots.

Further, the people in the District have a considerably better grasp of the effect of legislation and executive actions than do the perpetrators. One man, after discussing some of the schemes afloat to reduce inflation and improve the economy asked the question: "Don't they realize in Washington that prices will never come down until productivity improves, and the price relates somehow to value?" Another came to exchange views about the Panama Canal. He does not have available to him the resouces which are at hand for the government executive, but he recognizes better than those who do the inherent danger in ceding our control of that sensitive area.

People talked about inflation, about the high interest rates and the bearing they are having on their lives. They talked about the slowing down of response on the part of government agencies. Through it all, there was a return to one theme: the apparent lack of morality in Washington, and the recognition of hypocrisy at the highest levels. As one man put it, "they'd better wake up, before somebody adds to Lincoln's statement - they can't fool none of the people none of the time".

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We do not employ questionnaires in our office. Rather, we believe that when a matter concerns someone in the District, they will let us know about it. This has worked very well. For some unaccountable reason, our volume of mail has dropped off in recent weeks. We therefore remind the reader that we welcome and encourage opinions on legislation and on government. This is, after all, your chair I occupy.

Smokey's friends
don't play
with matches.

Southside Electric Cooperative Workshop Set For July 25

All Southside Electric Cooperative members and friends are invited to attend a workshop on Thursday, July 25, at the Lane Memorial Methodist Church, Bedford Avenue at Myrtle Lane in Altavista, there is ample parking space behind the church off Myrtle Lane.

"The Beneficial Use of Electricity for Today's Homemaker" is the theme. This is one of a series of meetings sponsored by the S.E.C.'s Women's Advisory Committee. The members of the committee in the Appomattox area are: Advisory Committee. The members of the committee in the Appomattox area are: Mrs. Thomas Dillon, Pamplin, Mrs. Toby E. Inge, Pamplin, Mrs. Foster Reynolds, Red House, Mrs. Hugh D. Pillow, Phenix, Mrs. J. K. Jones, Red House, Mrs. J. William Lawson, Saxe, Mrs. W. R. Elliott, Phenix, Mrs. L. C. Doss, Brookneal, Mrs. M. H. Kanipi, Brookneal, and Mrs. P. G. Reynolds, Red House.

The workshop will feature home canning of foods, home freezing of foods and an introduction to Microwave Cookery.

Betty Douglass, Home Service Advisor for Southside Electric Cooperative will conduct the workshop and will have as her guest Jo Anne Barton, Extension Specialist VPI & SU.

The program starts at 10 a.m. with a demonstration and discussion of "Home Canning of Foods." After a noon bread the afternoon program will start at 1 p.m. with a demonstration and discussion on "Home Freezing of Foods" and an "Introduction to Microwave Cookery."

Don't miss this important workshop, another community and member service of S.E.C. Plan now to attend on Thursday, July 25, beginning at 10 a.m.

The Pastor Speaks

"SATAN HINDERED US"
I Thessalonians 2:18

Since the first hour in which goodness came into conflict with evil, it has never ceased to be true in spiritual experience, that Satan hinders us. From all points of the earth, all along the line of battle, in the front and in the rear, at the dawn of day and in the midnight hour, Satan hinders us. If we toil in the field, he seeks to break the ploughshare; if we would serve God in suffering or in conflict—everywhere Satan hinders us. He hinders us when we are first coming to Jesus Christ. Fierce conflicts we had with Satan when we first looked to the cross and lived. Now that we are saved, he endeavors to hinder the completeness of our personal character.

You may be congratulating yourself, "I have always walked consistently; no man can challenge my integrity." Beware of boasting, for your virtue will yet be tried; Satan will direct his energy against that very virtue for which you are the most famous. If you have been before a firm believer, your faith will before long be attacked; if you have been meek as Moses, expect to be tempted to speak unadvisedly with your lips. Satan is sure to hinder us when we are earnest in prayer. He weakens our faith in order that, if possible, we may miss the blessing. Nor is Satan less vigilant in obstructing Christian effort. There was never a revival of religion without a revival of his opposition. As soon as Ezra and Nehemiah begin to labor, Sanballat and Tobiah are stirred up to hinder them.

What then? We are not alarmed because Satan hinders us, for it is a proof that we are on the Lord's side, and are doing the Lord's work, and in His strength we shall win the victory, and triumph over our adversary.

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, July 21, 1974
Topic: **Partnership in the Gospel**
Scripture: Philippians 1; 2: 19-30;4

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

The church at Philippi, whose members Paul called his parents in the gospel, has exceptional significance in Christian history. As far as we know, it was the first Christian church in the continent of Europe; certainly it was the first church in Europe established by Paul. As such, its founding marked the beginning of the Christianization of Europe and of giving to Western civilization a Christian influence and tone.

Philippi provided a setting for a church different from that in most places in which Paul preached. The population was primarily Roman, or Gentile. It was the only place of record which Paul visited which did not have sufficient Jewish population (10 male Jews) to constitute a synagogue.

An ancient settlement, Philippi was originally called Krenides. Philip of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great, enlarged to town and gave it his name. Nearby were gold and silver mines which financed Philip's and Alexander's military exploits. It figures prominently in Roman history as the site of the battle between the forces of Brutus and Cassius, who led in the assassination of Julius Caesar and those of Caesar's nephew, Octavian, and his associate, Marc Antony, who sought to frustrate the effort of Caesar's enemies to take over the Roman government and were victorious at Philippi.

In part to commemorate the victory, in part to implement Julius Caesar's colonization scheme to settle veterans and the Roman unemployed in places of opportunity, Octavian, or Augustus Caesar, as he is remembered, made Philippi a Roman colony, thus giving it a predominaly Roman population. The close ties the colony had with Rome no doubt explain Paul's reference to the praetorian guard and to those of Caesar's household. As a colony and as the first city in Europe the traveler from Asia reached on the main highway from that part of the world to the empire's capital, Philippi was in close contact with Rome. Despite slow transportation, there was much and frequent contact between even remote provinces and Rome, as Michael Grant shows in his recent book, **The Jews in the Roman World.**

Philippian Christians felt a close bond to Paul, and the apostle had a special feeling for the Philippians. When they learned of Paul's imprisonment, they sent one of their number, Epaphroditus, with a gift to minister to his needs. The Letter to the Philippians was prompted by this gift. It combines a gracious acknowledgment of Philippian thoughtfulness and generosity with a statement of the bond of faith and an appeal to live worthily of their profession. In this letter Paul gave perhaps his clearest interpretation of the Incarnation (2:5-11).

In thanking the Philippian Christians for their partnership with him in the gospel, Paul expresses a concept which contemporary Christians would do well to emphasize. God's work in the world, which He has committed to believers, cannot be done by just one person or by individuals alone. The work requires cooperative effort, a partnership. The importance of cooperation is evident in Paul's appeal to Euodia and Syntyche, active Christian workers, "to agree in the Lord."

This writer has just had the opportunity to observe the work of one of the great churches of our time, All Souls, inLondon's West End. In its combination of a faithful and eloquent evangelical witness and a strong social ministry, All Souls demonstrates an admirable partnership in the gospel among its members. In the attraction it holds for worshippers from around the world, it demonstrates the partnership in the gospel which all believers share.

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Deaths

MRS. E. H. TIBBS

BROOKNEAL - Mrs. Nannie ... Tibbs, 81, of Brookneal, died Tuesday, July 9, in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the widow of E. H. Tibbs.

Born in Campbell County, she was a daughter of Charlie Johnson and Alice Cumbie Johnson. She was a member of ... Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Walton of Appomattox, and Mrs. Etta Harper of Brookneal; ... grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. Thursday at ... Hill Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The family has suggested those wishing to make memorials consider the Brookneal Rescue Squad and the Appomattox Rescue Squad.

... Henderson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

H. B. GODSEY

... Braxton Godsey, 75, of ... Sussex Street, died ... morning at Lynchburg General Hospital after a long illness. Twice married, his first wife was Mary Estelle Thacker ... His former wife was ... Moore Godsey.

Born in Campbell County, he was a son of the late James ... Godsey and Ada Lee Harris of Lynchburg. He was a member of West Lynchburg Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother and wife he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Frank G. ... of Lynchburg, Mrs. W. ... Mason of Rustburg, Mrs. ... McAllister of Lynwood, two brothers, James H. ... of Lynchburg, William ... Godsey of Roanoke; four daughters, Mrs. W. D. Evans of ..., Mrs. Don Hawkins, ... Elizabeth Comer, and Mrs. F. B. Johnson of Lynchburg; 10 grandchildren, ... great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at ... Park Avenue Chapel. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

H. J. EAGLE

Funeral services for Herman ... Eagle, 47, of Concord were conducted at 3 p.m. ... at Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Stonewall, he died Sunday in Lynchburg General Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Appomattox county, he was a son of James ... Eagle and Mary ... Eagle. He was a construction worker.

He is survived by a sister, ... Beulah Eagle of Concord.

... Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

LEWIS T. GLOVER

Lewis Thomas Glover, 51, of Richmond and formerly of ..., died Saturday in Richmond.

Born in Buckingham County, he was a son of Mrs. Lucy A. ... of Dillwyn and John W. ... He was a retired Air Force master sergeant.

Surviving, in addition to his ..., are a son, Calving ... of Florida; four sisters, ... Calvin W. Morris of Appomattox, Mrs. Arlis Max..., Mrs. Alice Carter of Richmond and Mrs. Kermit ... of Chesterfield; four brothers, John Edward Glover of Appomattox, Robert A. ... of Lynchburg, Richard ... Glover of Richmond and ... W. Glover of Dover, ...

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday at ... United Methodist Church with burial in the church cemetery.

... Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MRS. C. L. McDEARMON

Mrs. Willie Guthrie Anderson McDearmon, 58, of Appomattox, died Thursday at her home. She was the wife of C. Lewis McDearmon.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of Bernard Guthrie Anderson and Anna Gay Guthrie Anderson. She was a member of Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, C. Lewis McDearmon, Jr. of Appomattox; a daughter, Mrs. Anna Lair of Hampton; a sister, Mandene Anderson of San Antonio, Tex.; a stepmother, Mrs. B. G. Anderson of Appomattox, and a grandchild.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Robinson Funeral Home. Burial was in Liberty Cemetery.

FRANK E. WEBBER

PAMPLIN - Frank Edward Webber, 75, of Rt. 1, Pamplin, died Wednesday afternoon, July 10, 1974 in Lynchburg General Hospital. His widow is Mrs. Verna Mae Farrar Webber.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of John L. Webber and Laura Patterson Webber. He was a retired farmer and a member of Piney Ridge United Methodist Church.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, are seven sons, Clarence Webber, Leslie Webber, Lawrence Webber, Billy Webber Edward Webber and Henry Ray Webber, all of Pamplin, and Howard Webber of Dillwyn; five daughters, Mrs. Mildred Ann Finley of Alexis, Ill., Mrs. Ruby Berry, Mrs. Youwilder Garrett and Mrs. Mable Dorothy Chapman of Richmond, and Mrs. Lula Hackney of Farmville; 37 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Friday at Piney Ridge United Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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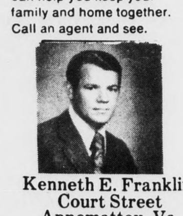

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